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Matrons Club's Excites Tacomaites With Fashions

By V.C. Edwards

The Matrons Club's "The Far-Far-Out World of Fashion" Fashion Show and Luncheon attracted over five hundred people. Neither rain nor gas shortage kept the crowd away. There were many Seattle, Olympia and other area residents present in the crowd.

This annual affair, held each year on George Washington's Day Celebration, is for the club's Scholarship Fund.

This was the 22nd Fashion Show for the 47 year old club. Mrs. Helen Stafford and Mrs. Minnie Aldrich, charter members, recalled the days when a struggling group of 15 young ladies decided on this type of affair. It was held at the YWCA. Those days tickets were $1.00, which included food prepared and served by the members. The style show models made their own clothing. Other places have included the New Yorker Restaurant and Doric Motor Inn. As the attendance outgrew each location, a move was necessary. Now for approximately 10 years the luncheon-style show has been held on the lower deck of the Top of the Ocean.

Harold Moss, Tacoma Councilman, and Don Dudley, General Manager of Station KYAC, did a superb job as commentators. Paul Richardson provided music for the models and Ms Sherri Lewis, songstress, entertained during intermission. Just as the locations changed, so did the styles. Each year styles become more modern and experimental, as is befitting the space age---hence the event's name, "The Far-Far-Out World of Fashion."

The beautiful people who modeled were a delight to watch--especially since these were all amateurs. Furs were the compliments of Malacky Furs, with Mr. Merl Jones of Malacky as commentator. Other fashions were from the B & I Fashion Boutique. Al Bodie Construction Company did the scenery.

Photos by Jim Henderson

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MEDITATION

We may elevate ourselves but we should never reach so high that we would ever forget those who helped us get there.

Will Rogers
American humorist

Tacoma Begins African Relief

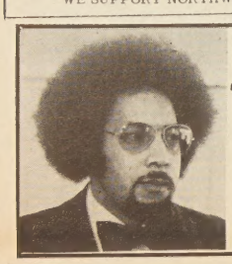
Reverend Holle Plaehn signs a $430.00 check while Rev. Joseph McCoy Jr., Rev. James Stinson and Rev. Leroy I. Brown, President of the Seattle African Drought Committee look on.

Members of the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, pictured here with Rev. Leroy Brown, President of the African Drought Relief Committee, took part in a ceremony that offered $840.00 to the relief effort, which has been gaining momentum in this and other states. The Ministerial Alliance, an association of combined ministries, will be joined by the Black Forum, a group of concerned Black citizens, to initiate action on issues that effect Black people. All indications point to the fact that Tacoma area churches are becoming more aware of what they can do, if mobilized, to bring relief in this, the sixth year of the African drought.

The countries effected by the drought are Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, Upper Volta, Chad, Niger, Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya. Tacoma has become the second city in Washington to respond in an organized fashion to the tragic effects of this major disaster.

The African Drought Relief Committee is located in the Operational Emergency Center, 1710 East Yesler, Seattle, WA. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 22054, Seattle, 98122.

For more information call 329-9295.



Dear Tac Vac

by Ted Jefferson

Q--Are all veterans whose deaths are not service-connected entitled to the VA $150 plot allowance?

A--The plot-interment allowance is not payable if burial is in a national cemetery or other federal cemetery, or if the plot or interment expenses have been paid or assumed by the deceased's employer.

Q--I collect VA compensation for a service-connected disability incurred in Vietnam. Am I thereby entitled to a $150 annual clothing allowance?

A--It depends upon the nature of your disability. If you wear one or more prosthetic or orthopedic appliances (including a wheelchair) which tend to wear out or tear your clothing, you are eligible. Application must be made to the VA regional office, it is not automatic.

Q--My husband was killed in action during World War II, and I never remarried. Am I eligible for a GI home loan guaranteed by the VA?

A-- Yes. The 1970 Veterans Housing Act restored unsued, expired loan benefits to World War II veterans, including their unmarried widows.

Address all questions concerning veterans to: Tacoma Veterans Action Center 1301 South "K" Street, Tacoma, Washington 98405 TEL: 383-4008

Eta Mu Zeta Finer Womanhood Week Celebration

The Eta Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sarority will celebrate Finer Womanhood Week beginning Sunday, February 24, 1974 at the Saint John Baptist Church, 2001 So. J St., beginning at 3:00 pm.

Theme: "Humanity Our Concern, the Child Our Focus". The speaker for the occasion will be announced later.

Another highlight of public interest will be the presentation of the Finer Womanhood Award to a deserving person for Finer Womanhood. Tea will be served in the Lower Auditorium.

Other Noted Events:

February 28, 1974 the Eta Mu Chapter is sponsoring their annual "Black Awareness Workshop" at the Colored Women's Clubhouse, 2316 So. Yakima, beginning at 7:00 pm. The interest of the Workshop will be - "Focus on the Black Child".

Sat. March 2, 1974 a Blue Revue will be sponsored by this Chapter at Sherwood Inn. At this time Zeta of the Year will be presented.

On Sunday March 10, 1974 the Eta Mu Chapter will worship at Allen A.M.E. Church at 11:00 am.

The public is cordially invited to all of these events.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

by G. M. Batie

Some ideas are surprisingly simple. Different shapes may be the trick. Budgeting is really just planning. This adds special mealtime appeal: Stuffed meatloaf is made in a round dish and has a tasty layer of rice in the center.

Stuffed Meat Loaf

2 beaten eggs
½ cup milk
1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs
¼ cup finely chopped onion
1 tsp ground sage
1½ pound ground beef
1 beef bouillon cube
½ cup uncooked long grain rice
¼ cup chopped onion
2 tsblsp margarine
1 slightly beaten egg
½ tsp ground sage

Combine first 6 ingredients and a dash of pepper. Add Beef: mix well. Dissolve Beef Bouillon over low heat till liquid is absorbed --about 15 minutes. Cook onion in margarine until tender, not brown. In bowl combine cooked rice, cooked onion, 1 slightly beaten egg and ½ teaspoon sage. Put half of meat mixture even in bottom of a 8¼ x 1 3/4 inch round baking dish. Spread rice mixture over meat --top with remaining meat. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

"Tacoma Arts Fair"

Tacoma's new downtown Broadway Plaza will see artists exhibiting from April 8 through 12. The exhibition will be called the Tacoma Arts Fair and will involve high school, college and professional artists from throughout the greater Tacoma-Pierce County area.

"The Tacoma Arts Fair is designed to promote community interest in the fine arts," stated Tacoma Arts Fair Chairman Ron Stephens. "We hope further to provide an opportunity for talented high school artists to exhibit their work in competition and have it judged by qualified professionals." Stephens went on to say that "art works of college students and professional artists will also be exhibited and offered for sale, however, these works will not be judged in competition with each other."

Art work will be entered in eight categories. The area of painting will be broken down into four media: oils and acrylics, water colors, pen and ink, and mixed media. Sculpture will be represented in two media classes: clay and related earth materials, and all other sculpture. Other divisions are pottery and crafts.

The Tacoma Arts Fair also plans to hold a series of band concerts in the Broadway Plaza each afternoon and evening of the fair. Other plans include having mime groups, dance troupes, choral groups perform during the fair.

Intermediate School District 111, the Downtown Tacoma's Businessmen's Association and the Pierce County Council of Education Associations are the Tacoma Arts Fair sponsors. Interested groups or persons may contact the Tacoma Arts Fair by writing to 629 N. Prospect, Tacoma, 98406 or call BR2-2405 after 5:00 pm for further information.

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Tee AND Turf Golf Association

by Cliff Dabney

Fore!

As the new golf season approaches, this is a good time to find new members for our new club. To kick off our season there will be a meeting for members and any golfers desiring to join our social club. Yes ladies are most welcome. Our first meeting of the year will be held at the Esquire Restaurant, 1519 Broadway, at 7:30 pm Feb. 28, 1974. Lots of fun is planned for the year so come out and join the duffers.

Look out Fir Staters - see you next week!

Photo by Jim Henderson

Mrs. Alice Mitchell was initiated into the tacoma LINKS Inc., Saturday evening, February 16. The ceremonies were held in the Quarterdeck Restaurant's Victory Room. Pictured are link Bil Moss, the president; Mrs. Mitchell receiving a rose of friendship from Link Margaret Williams.

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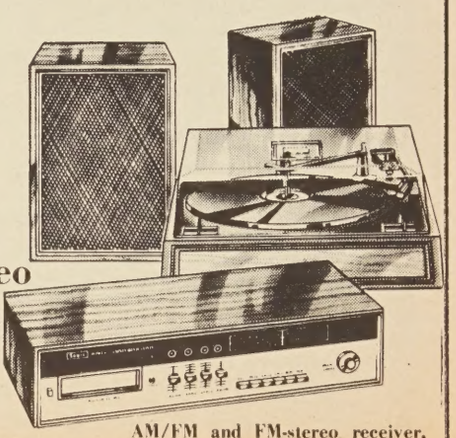

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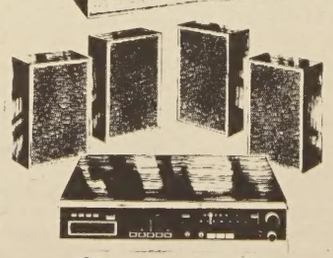

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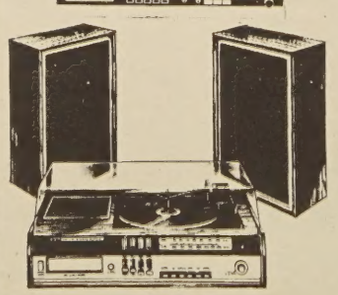

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Charles L. Morrow Commended

CWO Charles L. Morrow receives a Letter of Appreciation from the Commanding General A.J. Poillon of Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base North Carolina for special program held in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CWO-4 Morrow's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Morrow, Sr. of 1623 East 35th St.

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. The service commemorating the life and work of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., on 15 January 1974, was a meaningful event for all those who attended. This is to express appreciation to you for your contribution to the event as a member of the planning committee and as a program participant.
2. Although the strength of the service was to be found in the great theme of brotherhood and freedom so fervently expressed by the Reverend Doctor King, these truths came alive through the talented and dedicated contribution of each who participated. The responsive reading was most impressive.
3. Thank you for helping to make the Service of Commemoration a significant event.

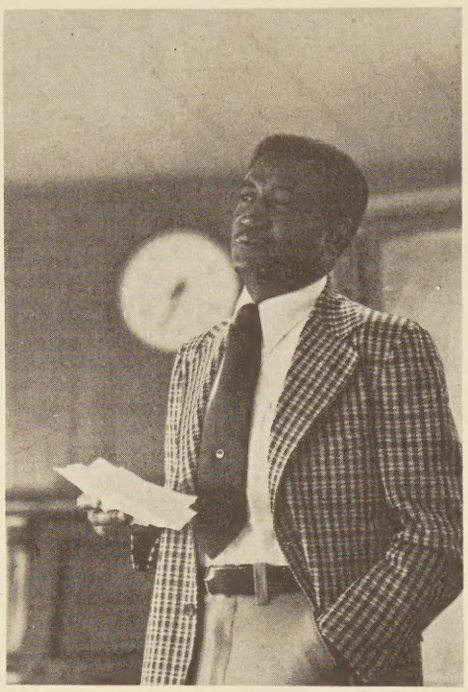
NEWS RACK

February 2nd may be Groundhog's Day, but for MR. JOHN YOUNG; SR. it is his day. His son ANDRE YOUNG with family and friends surprisedhim with a birthday party. Mr. Young, not knowing, prepared Bar-B-Que and other trimmings served at His party. He thought he was cooking for his friends' club. Among some who helped him celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. SAM COPERING; MR. and MRS. EDDIE MIRRETT; MR. and MRS. JIM WOODS, MRS. LUCILLE DELANEY; MRS. BLACK; MRS. M. GENTRY; MRS. R. GRAY; MR. BILL JOHNSON, and MR. I. ANTHONY. ---Still in first place, the TACOMA FACTS Bowling TEAM. The Captain, JOHN WOMACK is back. A big little accident like losing two fingers on his bowling hand can't keep him away. That is what you call"Love of a sport." ---A celebration is in store for the MITCHELL LOWES. MRS. RUTH LOWE'S birthday is the 22nd of Feb. and also her 29th Wedding Anniversary----Other Birthdays--"Pisces" --BILL WADE - Feb. 22, MRS. ANN GREEN, Feb. 27---Tacoma's Duplicate Bridge Club "The Town and Country" will host the Northwest Bridge Association Executive Board Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 24 at the home of MR. L.J. JOHNSON. The eight participatingclubs are from Portland, Oregon, Tacoma and Seattle, WA. Mr. Ed West of Bellvue, WA is president------- MRS. DOLORES SILAS and MR. IRVING KIMBROUGH were first place winners at the last regular meeting of the Towne and Country Bridge Club.

Bethune WCTU to Present Honorary Members

Bethune Women's Christian Temperance Union presents its honorary members Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 pm at the Colored Women's Club House, 2316 South Yakima Ave. Guest speaker will be Mr. Willie C. Stewart, Principal of Lincoln High School. Special music by Mr. Norman D. Anderson, soloist and a men's chorus, accompanist Mrs. Lois Bradford. Members of Pierce County W.C.T.U. and the public are cordially invited. A social hour will follow. Mrs. Malcolm Baldwin - President. Mrs. Louise Ray Turner - Publicity Chairman.

Affimative Action Workshop Starts Friday



Sig Cook, Pierce County EEO officer, will be among the featured speakers.

Late registrations for the Affirmative Action Workshop are now being taken. The workshop, sponsored by the Tacoma Citizens Affirmative Action Committee, will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 22nd and 23rd at the Tacoma Community House, 1311 So. M St. The two day workshop will begin at 9 am each day and feature speakers from state and federal agencies which enforce equal employment opportunity laws. The purpose of the session is to show that citizens can force business, government, and industry to immediately develop jobs for women, minorities, and the disadvantaged.

Reservations will be taken until Thursday at 5 pm at FU3-2006 or 383-3921.

THE NAACP CORNER

The drive is off to a good start. Our goal for this year is five hundred (500) new members. Our slogan is "500 more in '74."
The following has already been done:
1. Membership Campaign Office opened at 1209 South I St., Tacoma, 98045.
2. A telephone has been installed for better coordination of activities. The number is 383-1251.
3. Invitations have been extended to Military Personnel and their families of McChord AFB, and Fort Lewis to become members and to participate in the program. Announcements will be published in the news media at both Military Branches.
4. The date, place and time for the Awards program has been confirmed. March 10, 1974, 3:00 pm at Tacoma Community College.
5. The Churches of Tacoma and Pierce County are being canvassed for their participation.
6. Office hours are presently from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
7. Volunteer hour-sheets are being made up for signatures of those signing up to give a chosen number of hours for office help during the campaign. Call the office and volunteer two hours or more. You are greatly needed.

For any further information before or after office hours please contact our president, Jack Tanner Esq. at FU2-2568.

Caballero Social Club 'News'

by Henry Johnson

Hello fellow Caballeros, if you didn't make it to the club this weekend you missed a good one. Brother T. McGee was superb as he mesmerized our SRO gathering of members and guests. It's good to see so many longtime Caballeros at the club again.

President Hershell Gill has set May 12th as the date for the grand opening for our PATIO and raffle. The tickets will be sold for $1.00 each and will go fast so don't be left out. Pres. Gill is looking for an able bodied member to assist the Master at arms and will consider all members request to join that staff.

The forms have been put in place for the pouring of the patio, all that's holding things up is the weather. Ah, I can smell those Bar-B-Que steaks now. Any member wishing to bring his family to the club for an old-fashioned picnic may see Pres. Gill to select a date and time. Remember, it's being built for your benefit and enjoyment so come on down with the madam and kids and soak in a little sun and fun at our new patio.

Brother Willie Norris, our Ski pro or semi-pro or whatever, well anyway he's looking for members to form a Caballero ski team for outings. You may contact him behind the drums with T. Mcgee any weekend, that is if he doesn't break anything navigating the slopes.

The Tacoma boys clubs' basketball team (the Caballeros) has posted their schedule for this season on our bullitin board so get out and support our kids, our youth are our future, and with our respect and guideance future members of the club.

Caballero Bruce VanDerhuff gave Tacomans a weekend to remember, as publicity head of the Tacoma Downtown Mall. Thousands attending the 4 day opening of the Mall, rain or not.

Finally in the news, I'd like to give my belated congrads to a charter member of the Caballeros on his marriage to a beautiful Californian. I promised I wouldn't memtion his name for fear of starting heartbreaks of epidemic proportions accross the state. Well, to his charming bride our best wishes because she's caught a real "Fox".

P.S., Our hearts, thoughts, and best wishes go out to bros. Will McCoy and Thomas Williams for their speedy recoveries at Madigan.

SOUL REVIEW

by R.O.

The famous "Chocolate Chips" by popular demand returned to The Land of the Giants last Friday evening..."Jonah's Whale" during the weekend of the 15th & 16th played, The CPO Club in Bremerton, WA...Special thanks is extended to the gentleman from Chicago who took pictures to take back with him and to the out-of-towners for their support of the band, and also to Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, proprietors of The Land of the Giants during the engagement there. A salute also to the military.... "Jonah's Whale" like any other small business feels that if we help and support each other we will make it. The world situation should wake up the Black men, women and children..."360 Degrees" still doing an outstanding job wherever they appear. They played to capacity crowds at Branch #8 and on Feb 15th Branch #3..."T. McGhee and the Rapid Pulsations, Inc." are still pulsating at the popular Caballeros Club..."Charles and the Entertainers", Feb. 17th played the McChord NCO Club..... Let's support "Funk Inc." and "Magnum" wherever they may be performing. President Nixon has driven a wedge between the haves and the have nots. Let's not drive a wedge between ourselves just because we differ in opinions...A group of male teenagers calling themselves the "Ready-Made Family" substituted for "T. McGhee & Rapid Pulsations" at the Caballeros Club last Saturday evening. The band playing to a full house stirred the "soul" in everyone there.....(Next Week)

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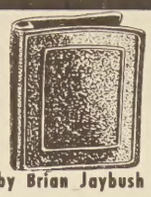


Spell it, "Oops!"

by Brian Jaybush

Is it really only four weeks since this reporter wrote, following the shattering of U. C. L. A.'s 88 game win streak by Notre Dame,

"Not that the loss means anything more than a temporary loss of first place in the polls for the Bruins;..."

I find my eyes watering and my formerly infallable ESP quivering when I read that statement of mine from January 24. Oh, sure, at the time it looked good; it was even the concensus of opinion of most of the nation's sports writers. Some even went so far as to say, "this loss ensures U. C. L. A.'s winning the national championship again."

And the manhandling the Bruins gave the Irish on January 26 made all us forecasters look like a bunch of genuises; let's just say, U. C. L. A. was awesome.

So now we find U. C. L. A. struggling to merely win in the Pac-8 Conference. Final scores from last weekend: Oregon State 61, U. C. L. A. 57; Oregon 56, U. C. L. A. 51.

The now merely human Bruins find themselves suddenly thrust into a tie for the conference lead with the Trojans of Southern Cal, a team which manhandled both of those same Oregon schools 60-53 and 76-61.

So what has happened to the team John Wooden has coached to nine national championships in the last ten years? How could they EVER lose two in a row?

"I haven't lost two in a row in a long time," Wooden says, "and I don't like it. We don't like not being Number One--I don't like it."

So why the losses? "We didn't play well, Wooden says.

Not only that, Wooden's former Wonder Boys have shown a definite lack of something every coach (including Seattle's own Bill Russell) keep harping about after most losses: the 'killer instinct.' That is, work your tails off until you get the other team down--and then work even harder to keep him down.

"I was right about us not having the killer instinct," Wooden told reporters after the loss to the Beavers. "We're not as hungry as we should be."

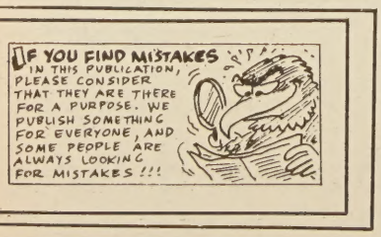
Perhpas the double loss will whet their appetites.

Kareem Jabbar, who labored for Wooden at U. C. L. A. a few years ago under the name Lew Alcindor, was asked about his former team's woes. "I can't explain it," he said. "There's just something about Oregon...."

Jabbar is a good man to ask, too. It was in in his Freshman year that U. C. L. A. last was beaten twice in a row. That was 1966, the only year in the last decade that the Bruins didn't win the national championship of college college basketball.

The two teams that did it to them: Oregon and Oregon State.

You don't think....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Fantastic Black Facts

by Rose Marie Johnson

On April 6, 1909 Matt Henson became first American or European to stand on the North Pole. Henson, an expert in all the techniques of Artic survival, participated in Commander Robert E. Peary's famous Polar Expedition. For having planted the "Stars and Stripes" at the top of the world, Congress in 1945 awarded him a medal for "outstanding service in the United States of America in the field of Science."

About this time William Edward DuBois was in the midst of the Niagara Movement, an organization made up of twenty-nine lawyers, ministers and others of the "Talented Tenth". The Organization demanded restoration of voting rights, freedom of speech and press, and an end to all discriminations on the basis of color. Numbering only about four hundred the grievances brought to the fore began to gain support from white liberals. In 1908 a horrible out break of anti-Negro brutality near Abraham Lincoln's former home in Springfield, Illinois, convinced many white sympathizers that the time was right for more forceful policy. Oswald Garrison Villard, the grandson of the famous Abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison took the lead in calling a National conference of white and black reformers in 1909 to renew "the struggle for Civil and Political liberty". A distinguished list of sixty leaders signed Villard's appeal, including the social worker Jane Addams, the Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and the Reverend John Haynes Holms. Among the seven black people who signed were DuBois himself, the Reverend Francis J. Grimke, and Ida Wells-Barnett. In answer to their call, two meetings were held in New York City. From these meetings developed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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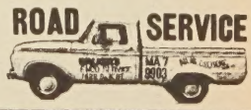

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Board Extends Youth Outreach 60 Days

BENNIE MCGEE, acting director of Youth Outreach, told the Executive Board he was concerned that the proposal to put Youth Outreach into the Youth Services Bureau did not contain enough staff for outreach work on the streets.

The Model Cities Executive Board voted Thursday to extend the Youth Outreach program for 60 days so alternatives for continuing the program can be studied.

Model Cities staff recommended that the Hilltop youth program join the newly formed Youth Services Bureau, but the board decided to look at some other possibilities before making a recommendation.

Model Cities Director Keith Palmquist said that the Youth Outreach program has not developed the administrative ability or credibility with the courts, schools, and other institutions as planned originally. He said that the services of the project have been a benefit to neighborhood youth but that the program could be strengthened by putting it under the Youth Services Bureau (YSB). The YSB is working with the Department of Human Development to establish a city-wide youth services program.

Mr. Palmquist said that the new Hilltop program would hire five staff members and open an office in the Hilltop. The 10 employees of Youth Outreach have been evaluated and will receive preference in hiring for the new program, according a YSB representative. Mr. Palmquist added that the Model Cities staff is trying to find jobs for the rest of the Youth Outreach employees so no one will lose a job through the change.

Several members of the Executive Board and members of the audience asked if the staff would be able to do any outreach work with the reduced staff.

Bennie McGee, acting director of Youth Outreach, said that the new program would be more intake and assessment of youth with problems rather than outreach on the streets. He said that his main concern was for continuation of the program, but he would prefer to have outreach counselors and to be independent of the Youth Services Bureau.

Dick Hayes, program development director for the Department of Human Development, said that making the Youth Outreach program part of the Youth Services Bureau would increase its chances for survival after 1974. No Model Cities projects are expected to continue after December, 1974. Model Cities funding would only prolong the phase out of the program unless other funds are found, while the Youth Services Bureau will probably be funded beyond 1974.

Several board members said the outreach function of the program is what has made it innovative, so it should be built into any new program.

Councilman Harold Moss said the Youth Outreach program is at a crossroads. The problem it faces is how to become part of the bureaucracy and still retain the flavor of the program. To retain the flavor of the program, the staff of Youth Outreach will have to be brought into the new program, he concluded.

Responding to earlier comments, members of the audience questioned whether the project needed to increase its credibility with schools and courts, which have their own problems with credibility, according to the comments. The Rev. William Mitchell said that the community did not have trouble relating to Youth Outreach; it's the institutions which can't relate to it.

After the board recommended a temporary extension of the Youth Outreach program, Mr. Palmquist said the request would be presented to the state law and justice office and the City Council. Alternatives for continuing the program will be explored in the next few weeks.

The program, which is now under the control of Model Cities, would end Feb. 28 by the present contract. The state law and justice office has unofficially agreed to an extension.

More Money for Rehabilitation

The Model Cities Executive Board increased the amount of money available for rehabilitation grants and loans by $10,000 at its last meeting.

The board allocated more than $17,000 left over from an interim contract with the Tacoma Urban League to the Housing Development Program and to the Municipal Authority.

About $10,000 will go to the Municipal Authority increasing the amount available for loans and grants to more than $83,000. About $7,900 will go to the Housing Development Program for three purposes: to make emergency repairs, to process rehabilitation applications, and to provide staff training.

Tac Vac Now City Project

TED JEFFERSON, Tacoma Veterans Action Center director (left), explains how to help vets fill out applications for benefits to new staff members of the new Eastside office.

Another Model Cities project, Tacoma Veterans Action Center, has become a part of regular city government under the Department of Human Development.

The former Model Cities program is now funded by general revenue sharing funds. The new funding has allowed the Veterans Action Center to open a new branch office at 4601 Pacific Ave.

Veterans who need help with benefits applications or other needs can visit the new Eastside office or the main office at 1301 S. K st.

The Veterans Center is one of a growing list of Model Cities projects which have become part of regular city government. Others include Senior Citizens, Homemakers, Adult Offender Outreach Program, and Environmental Health.

One of the goals of the Model Cities program is to demonstrate new programs for solving problems which can be continued after Model Cities is phased out.

Task Force Changed To February 25

The Combined Task Force of Model Cities will meet on Feb. 25 instead of its regular date of Feb. 18 because of the holiday.

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be present to talk about Social Security benefits. Much confusion has resulted from recent changes in the amount and procedures for benefits. Anyone who would like to know more about their benefits or anyone who has questions about benefits is encouraged to attend the meeting.

The task force agenda will include a number of reports including a report on the recent Western Regional Citizens Participation Conference. Executive Board Chairman Junior N.R. Ellis announced at Thursday's board meeting that he would make a report on the conference at the Combined Task Force meeting. The meeting will also include reports from the individual task forces and the Executive Board.

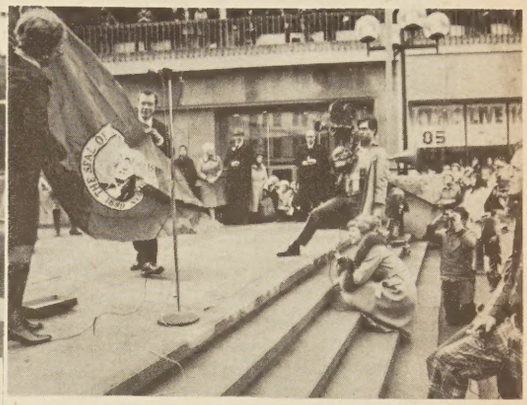
The Combined Task Force meets at 7:30 pm at McCarver School in the resource center.

MODEL CITIES NEWS

Ujamaa Helps Open Plaza

ELLIS CAIN, Ujamaa Culture and Recreation Center Director, and Edward Allen, music instructor, look at a doll made in one of the workshops at the center.

UJAMAA CULTURE and Recreation Center displayed some of the handicrafts made in the center's workshops during the weekend opening of the Broadway Plaza.



MAYOR GORDON N. JOHNSTON accepts a state flag from State Rep. Lorraine Wojahn during opening ceremonies for the Broadway Plaza. The flag will fly over the new plaza.

Ujamaa Culture and Recreation Center was one of a number of groups with displays on the Broadway Plaza during the grand opening last weekend.

Ujamaa displayed some of the crafts, including jewelry, dresses, dolls, and capes, made by students in the craft classes. The center is beginning its spring workshops now and is taking applications for a number of arts and craft workshops.

The four-day plaza opening included a gala of events with bands, skywalkers, dancers, singers, displays, and just enjoying the streets which are now for people.

First Rehabilitation Contracts Signed

Board members of the Model Cities housing authority signed the first three contracts for home rehabilitation on Friday.

The Municipal Authority signed two contracts with Alpha Construction Enterprises for $1,696 and $1,856 and one with Johnson Construction Company for $1,619. Work is expected to begin immediately on the first homes approved under the Model Cities rehabilitation program.

The board also approved two maintenance jobs which were expected to start this week. Staff from the Housing Development Program will be doing the maintenance work.

One more application was approved for rehabilitation, and three were held for more investigation.

Project Needs Tough Evaluation

All Model Cities projects need a tough evaluation before any programs are approved for the plan being prepared, according to Joe Devish, Executive Board evaluation committee chairman.

Mr. Devish made his comment during a report to the Model Cities Executive Board on Thursday. He said that some projects are not living up to their contracts, and that the board will have to decide how to deal with this problem.

Mr. Devish said that the board had three alternatives: keep sharing the money with all projects, terminate those which are not performing, or allow projects to submit a plan to meet their contracts. He said it was his opinion that the program should not keep pouring funds into projects which are not fulfilling their contracts.

Model Cities Director Keith Palmquist said the position of the staff was to strengthen the good programs and to phase out those which are not making an impact.

Board Supports NDP Expansion

The Model Cities Executive Board recommended expansion of the boundaries of the Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) at last Thursday's meeting.

Urban Renewal has recently received an additional $500,000 for NDP home rehabilitation. The NDP is a six block area in the Model Neighborhood which is being renewed with a comprehensive package of home improvements and physical improvements.

Model Cities Director Keith Palmquist said that the expansion of the boundaries in the Model Neighborhood would require more funds for physical improvement which may come from Model Cities.

Board Chairman Junior N.R. Ellis said that the Land Use Review Board and the Housing Task Force have already supported the expansion. He added that the LURB wants a survey of the area to determine where the program should expand.

The board approved the expansion of the program.

The board also adopted a policy for selecting projects for funding in the plan being prepared. Existing projects will be judged on their impact, accessibility, administration, duplication of services, potential for extended funding, and the official priorities. New projects must be innovative, not be a duplication of services, and be tied to existing projects and programs.

Any other expenditures must aid the development of administration, citizens participation, or evaluation, or they must aid transition of staff to regular city positions.

In other action the board added $2,000 to the Progress House budget to run the project through April. The state is expected to take over complete funding of the program at that time. A sub-committee was formed to study a proposal for a Children's Mental Health Services project.

Gault Guest on Turned On

Gault Junior High School will be featured on "Turned On" this Thursday.

Members of the Gault student council will talk about some of the new methods they are using in student government.

Don Shorter, of KTOY radio, hosts the show which can be seen on Channel 6, TelePrompTer (cable television) at 7:30 pm on Thursday.

The program about youth is produced by TelePrompTer, Tacoma Model Cities, and Tacoma Public Schools.

THE CENTRAL Area Seniors choir performed at the Broadway Plaza this weekend. The seniors center is a former Model Cities project.

Deadline for Plan Extended

Model Cities Director Keith Palmquist announced that the deadline for submitting a plan for an additional $500,000 has been extended to March 31.

The additional time was requested to allow time to do an in depth evaluation of all existing projects and all new proposals to write a quality phase out plan. Mr. Palmquist told the Model Cities Executive Board that the plan would include a proposal to use funds left from projects which did not spend all of their money as well as the $500,000 recently awarded to Tacoma Model Cities.

Mr. Palmquist also told the board that many of the discrepancies found in a recent audit of Minority Contractors have been answered. He expects all of the problems to be cleared by March 1. He emphasized that no wrong doing was discovered by the auditors.

Mr. Palmquist praised the Municipal Authority, which is making grants and loans for home rehabilitation, for the thoroughness of its work. He said that the long hours spent preparing for the program are now beginning to pay off.

The Model Cities Housing corporation has approved three applications for rehabilitation and two for maintenance grants. The board has considered 11 applications, Mr. Palmquist told the board.